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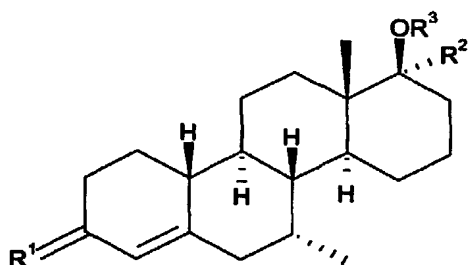
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(57) Abstract: This invention provides 19-nor-D-homosteroids, having a mixed androgenic/progestagenic profile, which are orally active, prevent trabecular bone mineral density (BMD) loss, and which lack liver toxicity, having a structure according to the formula (I) wherein, R<sup>1</sup> is O, or NOR, with R being hydrogen, (C<sub>1-6</sub>)alkyl or (C<sub>1-6</sub>)acyl, R<sup>2</sup> is methyl or ethyl, and R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or (C<sub>1-15</sub>)acyl.



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